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**MS PATENT APPLICATION**

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of

Inventor(s): NONAKA, Shunichiro

For: IMAGE-ATTACHED MAIL TRANSITING APPARATUS, IMAGE-ATTACHED  
MAIL TRANSITING METHOD, AND IMAGE-ATTACHED MAIL TRANSITING  
PROGRAM

Enclosed are:

- ☒ A specification consisting of Twenty-two (22) pages
- ☒ Three (3) sheet(s) formal drawings
- ☒ An assignment of the invention
- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27
- ☐ Applicant does not claim priority
- ☒ Applicant claims the right of priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based on Application No(s). 20002-214215 filed in JAPAN on July 23, 2002.
  - ☐ Certified copy(ies) is(are) attached hereto.
  - ☒ Certified copy(ies) will follow.

- ☒ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line thereof the following:
- a. ☒ --This nonprovisional application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a) on Patent Application No(s). 2002-214215 filed in JAPAN on July 23, 2002, which is(are) herein incorporated by reference.--
- b. ☐ --This nonprovisional application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) on U.S. Provisional Application No(s). filed on , which is(are) herein incorporated by reference.--
- ☒ Executed Declaration (☒ Original ☐ Photocopy)
- ☐ Application Data Sheet in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.76
- ☐ Preliminary Amendment
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-1449 and reference(s)
- ☐ Other:
- ☐ Applicant requests early publication - \$300.00 publication fee
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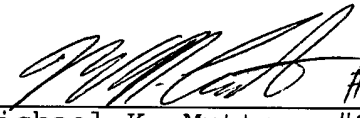
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